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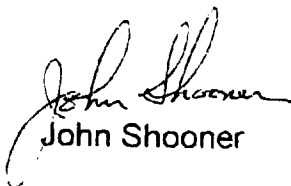
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The issue has gone on long enough and it is time that the government leaves Microsoft alone. Microsoft has been such a net positive to the technology industry and to the economy and yet has to deal with government harassment.

Microsoft has agreed to compromise on all the major issues that were in dispute in the suit. They agreed to give computer makers the flexibility to install and promote any software that they seem fit. They agreed to license Microsoft products at a standard rate to computer makers, no matter what other software they promote. They also agreed not to enter into any agreement that obligates computer makers to exclusively install or promote Microsoft software. Microsoft has agreed to a lot in order to put the issue behind them.

The terms of the settlement are fair and the government should accept them. Microsoft and the technology industry need to move forward and focus their concentration on business, not on defending themselves from more lawsuits. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,



John Shooner